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Kings Point, NY 11024

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## STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION ALBANY, NEW YORK 12227

October 3, 1980

Peter & Shirley Gilbert 20 Split Rock Dr. Kings Point, NY 11024

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert:

Please take notice of the Decision of the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

You have now exhausted your right of review at the administrative level. Pursuant to section(s) 690 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision by the State Tax Commission can only be instituted under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Laws and Rules, and must be commenced in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Albany County, within 4 months from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision may be addressed to:

NYS Dept. Taxation and Finance Deputy Commissioner and Counsel Albany, New York 12227 Phone # (518) 457-6240

Very truly yours,

STATE TAX COMMISSION

cc: Petitioner's Representative Frederick Wertheimer 370 Lexington Ave. New York, NY 10017 Taxing Bureau's Representative

### STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition

of

PETER GILBERT and SHIRLEY GILBERT

DECISION

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Personal Income Tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the Year 1970.

Petitioners, Peter Gilbert and Shirley Gilbert, 20 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, New York 11024, filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of personal income tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the year 1970 (File No. 12618).

A formal hearing was held before Julius E. Braun, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on January 17, 1978 at 9:15 A.M. Petitioners appeared by Frederick Wertheimer, Esq. The Audit Division appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq. (James Morris, Esq., of counsel).

#### **ISSUE**

Whether interest expenses deducted by petitioners constituted investment interest subject to minimum income tax.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On October 28, 1974, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Audit Changes against petitioners Peter Gilbert and Shirley Gilbert in which their New York State personal income tax was recomputed based on the premise that excess investment interest expense was an item of tax preference and that section 615(c)(4) of the Tax Law requires that a modification be made for allocable expenses attributable to items of tax preference in excess of the

specific deduction. Accordingly, a Notice of Deficiency was issued in the amount of \$25,527.71, plus interest of \$5,415.19, for a total of \$30,942.90.

2. In the analysis of petitioners' fifteen items of interest expense, it was stipulated that nine of the items were or were not investment interest and were not in issue. The nine items stipulated to are as follows:

<u>Lender</u> <u>Interest</u>	
Equitable Life Insurance Co. \$2,702 Walston & Co. 650 Weis, Voisin and Cannon 51 State Dept. of Taxation and Finance 807 Internal Revenue Service 2,247 Automatic Metal Products Corp. 2,209 B & W Associates 3,333 Jack Onore 5,781 Franklin National Bank 5,394	Investment interest

3. The following items remain in issue as to whether they constituted investment interest:

<u>Lender</u>	Interest Paid	Specific Purpose
Community State Bank	\$ 5,217.00 1,240.00	Discounted note received from purchaser of personal property
Central State Bank	21,413.00	Proceeds used to acquire fine arts
Security National Bank of Long Island	81,473.00	Purchase of paintings, home improvements and personal items
Security Pacific National Bank	72,025.00	Investment in garden apartments (California partnership)
Howard Franklin	4,890.00	Advances for garden apartments investment
American Bank & Trust	166.00	Checking account overdrafts

4. During 1970, petitioners invested in fine arts used in their residence which comprised part of their personal property. They invested in a California garden apartment complex which produced income and also in two California

partnerships, Eldorado Enterprises and also The Anthony Company. These partnerships owned and operated legalized card parlors.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That during the year at issue, and prior to the amendment of section 57 of the Internal Revenue Code by P.L. 94-455, excess investment interest, the excess of investment interest expense over net investment income was an item of tax preference.
- B. That petitioners Peter Gilbert and Shirley Gilbert failed to sustain their burden of proof imposed by section 689(e) of the Tax Law in establishing that the items shown in Finding of Fact "3" supra did not constitute excess investment interest.
- C. That the petition of Peter Gilbert and Shirley Gilbert is granted to the extent that the items stipulated to as not being investment interest (Finding of Fact "2") were not items of tax preference. The Audit Division is hereby directed to modify the Notice of Deficiency issued October 28, 1974, and that, except as so granted, the petition is in all other respects denied.

DATED: Albany, New York

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